

Pre Band Camp Meeting Recap Thursday July 15, 2021

New members, leadership, percussion, and color guard members have been working hard this week. Very excited about what this year will bring.

Competition band camp starts Monday, July 19. The entire color guard, the entire percussion, and select members of woodwind and brass will be at this camp, NOT football only band members. If you do not know which group you are in, please visit the marching band tab at hocoband.org to view the marching band assignments.

Please arrive having consumed breakfast. Breakfast needs to be something substantial that doesn't include any milk or dairy. Suggestions include grits, eggs, oatmeal, chicken biscuit, etc.

Things to Bring:

HYDRATION is VITAL: Bring your jug filled with ice water and bring extra water. We will have coolers for you to use to refill your water jugs. We recommend a 64-ounce refillable jug. Band students may also bring a hydration pack like a Camelbaks if they so desire. Gatorade and Powerade are great to have.

Sunscreen, a hat or visor, sunglasses, extra socks

Dinner: All students must bring their own dinner every day of camp. Parents may bring dinner to their student if they wish to do so. Please send their dinner in a cooler or send nonperishable items as we do not have refrigeration available.

Med Form: All students must complete and submit their med form and a picture of the front and back of their insurance card before coming to camp. You can find it under the marching band tab at hocoband.org

Towel to sit on the field if so desired

Extra socks, deodorant, hair ties for longer hair

What to wear:

Sunscreen! Bring more to reapply

Shorts

T-shirt, light colors recommended

Tennis shoes-not high tops, Vans, or Chucks

Sunglasses

Hat or visor

clean, comfortable socks

Deodorant

DO NOT WEAR: Flip flops, Vans, Chucks, Crocs, Chaco's, sandals, etc.

Schedule is 8am-8pm Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday July 19, 20, and 22.

8am-4pm Wednesday July 21

8am-8pm Monday July 26

4pm-8pm Tuesday July 27

Daily Breakdown:

8am-Noon outside on the band practice field

*Please bring money on Wednesday July 21 as SnoBiz will be joining us at the end of morning rehearsal

Noon-12:45 inside for lunch. Lunch will be provided by the Houston County Nutrition Program

12:45-3:30 sectional rehearsals-Band members practice in groups with their sections at various locations

on campus, in classrooms/band room/theater/lunchroom, etc.

3:45-4:15 Full Band Rehearsal in the theater

4:15-5pm Mandatory Fun; Lack of Talent Show Thursdays

5pm-5:45 Dinner break

Your band student must bring dinner, or you must bring them dinner each day. Please note we have no way of refrigeration

6-8 back out to the field

No rehearsal on Friday of Competition band week.

Schedule change: Thursday July 29 Competition band will rehearse beginning at 4pm; football band will begin at 6pm. The fire trucks will join us at the end of rehearsal for a cooling water break.

Friday July 30 is our annual band family movie night after rehearsal. SnoBiz will join us, please bring money for snow cones.

There are multiple sources of information on band happenings: hocoband.org, Facebook, Instagram, CHARMS, emails. Please consult them daily or reach out to our secretary if you aren't receiving emails at hocobandsecretary@gmail.com.

Hocoband.org website has link to the med form, calendar, band news, a link to the store, and payment information including online payments. T-shirts and other band merchandise will be ordered through the band store. Dates of ordering availability will be posted.

If you have any questions about band fees, please reach out to the treasurers via their email addresses. Please note that uniform charges will appear on your account after the full order is placed. Meal charges for games and competitions will be billed at the end of the season after the total number of meals needed is known.

If you are a returning band student and need new bibbers, a drifit, or bandos, please let the uniform moms know during camp. For new marchers, if you would like to purchase an extra drifit, please inform the uniform mom during your fitting.

Band members will wear black shorts with their drifits for the first couple of games.

For the shorts: Shorts must be black. Men: 10 inches, Women 9 inches. Absolutely no athletic shorts of any kind.

Sponsorships: If you know of a business that would like to sponsor the band or if you would like to sponsor the band, we have a sponsorship program. Your band student will get a portion of the proceeds from the sponsorship credited to their band account. Marching band instruments are expensive, and these sponsorships help us with these costs. The band recently purchased 5 new mellophones to add to our program and we need new sousaphones.

Special thanks Mr. Mathe for the donation of 12-14 canopies from Academy to be used to shelter and shade the band students during camps and practice.

We need donations of water, Gatorade, funding for instruments, instruments in good working order, but more than anything we need your time. It takes an army to move a band program of our size so please step up and help!

During pick up: Please do not stop/park in travel lanes of the parking lot. Please pull into a parking space to wait so you do not disrupt the flow of traffic. No stopping in the travel lanes of parking for pickups

The band owns a drone. We are currently looking for an experienced drone user to volunteer on a weekly basis to use the drone and capture an overhead view of run throughs for the directors to review. If you have experience working a drone and are willing to help us out with this, please contact the directors.

Boosters

Carol Hamilton, Vice President – bylaw updates and amendment approval

7 amendments

Formatting, cover page, table of contents added

Articles of Incorporation added

Po box operating address added

Role change, VP no longer listed in the fundraising function, as that is a Ways and Means function

Change communication from band student to electronics

Budgetary constraints explain how financial decisions are made by the board

Added 500 emergency limit without vote to both Transportation and Props

APPROVAL AND AMMENDMENTS PASSED, NO OPPOSITION

To volunteer with the band in any capacity, you must have a background check on file

John Allen, Props and Transportation (for David Ingle)

The Transportation Crew is currently looking for volunteers for all home and away games and competitions with loading and unloading equipment. They usually meet on game days at the school around 4pm to load up before heading to the field. They also help during halftime, and load everything up and transport it back to the school to unload it after the games. Transportation crew also helps during the competitions as well by transporting equipment and loading/unloading as needed and moving equipment on and off the field as needed. We are currently looking for a CDL licensed driver to take over for David as this is his last year with the band.

The Props Crew is headed up by John Allen and we are looking for an army of volunteers who can help during the competition season. We will be putting a 60' trash pit barricade on the field for the show. We are currently looking for around 25 people who can commit to helping at every competition to get the set on and off the field during the shows. We would like to assign each person a specific job that they will do the entire competition season. If you are interested in helping, our first meeting will be next Sunday (July 25). Contact hocobandsecretary@gmail.com and they will connect you with John.

The Chaperone Crew is headed up the Connelly's. They are currently looking for chaperones for home and away games and competitions. You do NOT have to commit to an entire season to help, you

can sign up for as many or few games as you like. Chaperones ride the bus to away games and competitions. We are currently looking for people who love working with teens, have a positive attitude, are confident, flexible, and patient.

The 3rd Quarter Meal Crew is headed up by Christy Williams. We are currently looking for people who want to help by feeding the students at home and away games and competitions. The duties are helping set up and pass out food, Gatorade, and water to the students at band events and helping to clean up when we are done.

Dana Butler is our Executive Board Ways and Means chairperson. Her biggest job is running the biggest fundraiser for the band-the concession stands at all home games. We grill hamburgers and hot dogs, make French fries, serve nachos, pizza, popcorn, and Coke products. We are looking for people to help every home game by grilling food, prepping food, runners to take stuff to the other side as needed, stockers to refill items as they get low, and cleaners who want to help clean up at the end of the game. It takes about 40 people to efficiently run the concession stands especially on a busy night. Please step up and help! We are also currently looking for someone to serve in the vacant board position as the Co Ways and Means Chair. If you are interested, please let any Executive Board member or the directors know!

Christina Sullivan is one of our Executive Board Treasurers and also serves as a photographer for the band. We are currently looking for volunteers to take photos and videos to share with the band families. If you have a good camera and would like to help with this at games and other band events, please reach out to Christina. Please remember not to post any videos of the competition show, not even snippets of it, until after the first competition is complete and the directors give the okay.

The Uniform Moms Crew is headed up by Tammy Urbansky, who is a senior parent this year. We are looking for volunteers who would like to help both during camp and during the season. You do NOT need to know how to sew to help but it is a plus. Band camp through August is the busiest time. We will train you what to do and how we do orders. We especially need volunteers for band camp fittings next week from 1pm-4pm during camp.

Volunteers for camp are needed. We need people to help on the field and with lunch. Slots have been posted on the band Facebook page so if you'd like to help at the field mornings and evenings during practice or during lunch, please sign up. If you need more information, please reach out to Amber Strawn at hocobandsecretary@gmail.com

Board notes from Christina: So far 50% of payments of band fees have been turned in. Please keep them coming. You can mail it into the PO Box listed on the website or send it in to be dropped off in the black box in the band room with your band student. Please allow 2-3 weeks processing time as our treasurers and Executive Board Members are all volunteers with their own work and personal commitments. Please do not contact the board members via Facebook Messenger, please use their emails which are located on the band Facebook page on a PDF form and on the website. For those of you who accidentally paid the #4 payment twice, please reach out to Christina